

## **BEGINNING OF REVIEW**

A Certificate of Need (CN) application has been submitted to the Department of Health on behalf of Hospice of Spokane under the provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38. This application proposes to amend CN #1291 issued August 13, 2004, authorizing the establishment of a 20-bed hospice care center in the city of Spokane within Spokane County. The approved capital expenditure associated with CN #1291 is \$5,360,450.

This amendment project proposes to relocate the previously approved hospice care center to a different site within Spokane County and reduce the number of hospice care center beds from 20 to 12. The capital expenditure associated with change in site and bed reduction is \$5,297,421.

The Certificate of Need Program will not convene a public hearing regarding this proposal as specified in RCW 70.38.115(g); however, the Program will accept written comments on this proposal. In order to be considered by the Program, any data, comments, or arguments regarding this application must be submitted in writing and received by regular or overnight mail to the Certificate of Need Program, Department of Health, Post Office Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504-7852 by 5:00 pm May 15, 2006. **Faxed comments will not be accepted.**

Affected parties may reserve their right to respond to information submitted under WAC 246-310-160(a) if they are located or reside within the applicant's health service area; submit comments in support or opposition of the proposal to the department by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2006 and request in writing, to be informed of the Program's decision. **Faxed requests will not be accepted.** The Program's review of this project should be completed on June 19, 2006.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the application, please call Karen Nidermayer with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2957.